

2.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

2.1 NOTICE OF PREPARATION / INTENT AND SCOPING

The EIR process for the Ellwood Marine Terminal Lease Renewal Project began with distribution of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) by the CSLC, mailed on July 14, 2004. The CSLC provided an NOP for the proposed Project to responsible and trustee agencies and to other interested parties. The NOP solicited both written and verbal comments on the EIR's scope during a 30-day comment period and provided information on a forthcoming public scoping meeting. The CSLC held two public and agency scoping meetings in Goleta, California on August 3, 2004, to solicit comments on the scope of the EIR. Written comments were received in response to the NOP from the following:

- Ventura County APCD;
- Santa Barbara County APCD (SBCAPCD);
- League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara, Inc.;
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
- California Native American Heritage Commission;
- Robert Sollen;
- Barbara Massey;
- Citizens for Goleta Valley;
- Get Oil Out!;
- Ingeborg Cox;
- County of Santa Barbara, Energy Division;
- City of Goleta;
- UCSB Coal Oil Point Reserve;
- David Sangster; and

- Venoco, Inc.

2.2 DRAFT EIR PUBLIC REVIEW

In July 2006, a Notice of Completion/Notice of Availability was distributed announcing the release of the Draft EIR. The Notice summarized the conclusions of the Draft EIR and included information on how to access the Draft EIR. It also presented the date, times, and location of the Public Hearings on the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR was released for public review on July 31, 2006, and consisted of approximately 840 pages with appendices, including a detailed analysis of impacts in 14 environmental disciplines. A summary of public involvement opportunities during the Draft EIR review period is presented below. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to the comments are provided in Section 3 of this Final EIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

In compliance with the CEQA procedures, the CSLC provided a public review period of 45 days for the Draft EIR. The public review period extended from July 31, 2006, to September 15, 2006. The lead agency allowed written comments on the Draft EIR to be submitted by mail, orally at the Public Hearings, via e-mail, and in person to the CSLC office in Sacramento.

The comments received by the CSLC during the public review period and at the public hearing are reproduced in this Final EIR along with responses to comments (see Section 3).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Two public hearings on the Draft EIR were held by the CSLC on August 30, 2006, at the Goleta Valley Community Center in Goleta, California. At these hearings, the public was given the opportunity to ask questions about the Draft EIR and present oral and/or written testimony on the Draft EIR and its contents. The decision-making process of the CSLC was also explained at the public hearings.

EIR INFORMATION AND REPOSITORY SITES

Placing the CEQA document in “repository” sites can be an effective way of providing ongoing information about the project to a large number of people. Therefore, four

1 repository sites in the vicinity of the proposed Project area were established, and
 2 documents are also available at the CSLC office in Sacramento. EIR-related
 3 documents including the Draft and Finalizing Addendum have been made available
 4 upon their release to the public at the locations listed below.

CSLC, Attn: Marine Brand 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-1814	County of Santa Barbara Energy Division, Attn: Dean Dusette 123 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2287	City of Goleta Planning & Environmental Services 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B Goleta, CA 93117 (805) 961-7543
Goleta Branch Library 500 N Fairview Avenue Goleta, CA 93117-1797 (805) 964-7878	Santa Barbara Public Library 40 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 962-7653	

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